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Laymen's Schools

The arrangements for the Laymen's ools of Churchmanship have been com- ted. School No. 1 will be held at Pa- c School of Religion on Sunday, Febru- 16, beginning at 10 o'clock. George Martin, Chairman of the Laymen's Fel- vship Commission, will preside. The ogram will be as follows:

MORNING SESSION

Introductions, announcements, registra- n.

Devotional Address: President Arthur shman McGiffert, Jr., Pacific School of ligion.

Address: "Religious Isolationism vs. orld Christianity," Mr. Galen Merriam sher, Orinda. Mr. Fisher was for many ars in Japan, and later connected with e Institute of Social and Religious Re- arch. He is now a trustee of the Insti- te of Pacific Relations, and personally w conditions in Japan during this past mmer.

Address: "Who Are These Congrega- onalists?" — Superintendent Harley H. ill.

Address: "Our Program for Young Peo- le"—Field Secretary Edwin T. Sherman.

Dinner at Ennor's Restaurant (2081 All- on Way) at 77c per plate.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Group discussions:

(a) **Trustees and Treasurers,** Mr. A. J. Watson, San Mateo, Chairman; Mr. Peirce Coombes, Redwood City, Speaker.

(b) **Deacons,** Judge Curtis D. Wilbur, San Francisco, Chairman; Rev. V. V. Loper, First Congregational Church, Berkeley, Speaker.

(c) **Sunday School Workers,** Field Secretary E. T. Sherman, Chairman; Rev. C. L. Duncan, Field Representative, Presbyterian Board of Christian Education, Speaker.

(d) **Workers Among Young People,** Mr. Stanley Rapp, Berkeley, Chairman; Rev. G. Arthur Casaday, First Congregational Church, Berkeley, Speaker.

Joint Session, with Reports from Groups.

Closing Address: "Laymen and the Church," Rev. Charles E. Ward, First Congregational Church, Redwood City.

School No. 2 will be held at the Y.M.C.A., 5th and J Streets, Sacramento, on Sunday, March 2. The one change in the morning program from that of School No. 1 will be that the Devotional Address will be given by Professor Harry Tyler of Sacramento Junior College, instead of President McGiffert. The dinner will be held at Wilson's Restaurant, 914 K Street, and the price will be 67c per plate. In the afternoon there will be three discussion groups instead of four. The one on Young People's Work will be omitted. Mr. Jack Dennison of Sacramento will preside over the session for Trustees and Treasurers, and Professor Robert E. Stone of the University of California will be the speaker. Superintendent Gill will preside over the meeting of the Deacons, and the Speaker will be the Rev. Noel J. Breed of Stockton. Mr. George Linn of Sacramento will be in charge of the Sunday School Workers, with Field Secretary Sherman as the Speaker. The closing address will be given by Rev. Torrance Phelps of the Sacramento Pioneer Church.

Thank you, pastors and church clerks, for your splendid cooperation in getting Year Book blanks into the Conference office promptly. The response this year was better than ever before, and the tabulation will be completed shortly.

Dr. Edward Hume, member of the famous Congregational Hume family, noted physician and missionary, formerly head of Yale in China, more recently representing the Foreign Missions Conference in North America, surveying the medical colleges in China, coming on the National Christian Mission.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 16: Laymen's School of Churchmanship No. 1, Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley.
March 2: Laymen's School of Churchmanship No. 2, Y.M.C.A., Sacramento.
March 9-16: Christian Mission in Bay area.
April 13: Easter.
July 27-August 1: Missionary Education Movement Conference, Asilomar.
October 17-19: Annual Meeting, Northern California Congregational Conference, Stockton.

Rev. Albert W. Palmer, D.D., beloved former pastor of Plymouth Church and teacher in Pacific School of Religion, now president of Chicago Theological Seminary, who will be in the Bay area as a member of the team of speakers for the National Christian Mission, March 9 to 16. Many hundreds of Congregationalists will look forward to this opportunity of renewing acquaintanceship and again hearing President Palmer.

EARL LECTURER

Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, Earl Lecturer for 1941, will speak at First Congregational Church, Berkeley, on March 11, 12 and 13, on the general theme, "The Christian Faith and the Crisis in Western Civilization." As noted in a previous "Pacific," the Earl Foundation is placing some of Dr. Niebuhr's time at the disposal of the National Christian Mission which meets from Mar. 9-16, and in addition, he is to speak at a University meeting in Berkeley.

A GAIN AND THAT'S ALL

It was a gain, but it was nothing to shout about! There came through the Conference treasury for all benevolences in 1940 just $52.45 more than in the year 1939. A substantial gift to the American Board at the last minute turned what appeared to be a certain loss into a gain. Since all designations are carefully observed, the amount going to the American Board was larger, while the amount for the Northern California Conference was smaller. This was due to the fact that individual gifts at the close of the fiscal year last March did not equal those of 1939.

Undesignated money is divided as follows: for foreign missions, 22%; for home missions, 21%; for the Council for Social Action, 3%; for the Northern California Congregational Conference, including state ministerial relief, 54%.

The distribution, including designations of the money coming through the Conference treasury for 1940, is as follows:

For the Board of Home Missions, including Council for Social Action ..... $ 7,510.97
(This is a gain of $8.86 over 1939.)

For the American Board (foreign missions) 7,792.44
(This is a gain of $438.20 over 1939.)

For our State Conference and State Home Missions, including ministerial relief 19,690.45
(This is $394.61 less than in 1939.)

Total for State, National, and Foreign Work $34,993.86
(This is a gain of $52.45 over 1939.)

During the course of a year, there are a good many individuals who send gifts directly to the American Board and to the Board of Home Missions, and occasionally a church does the same. These items are not reflected in the above figures, which include only the amounts coming through the Conference treasury, but the Missions Council gathers them up and reports them in a grand total at the Evanston meeting. It appears that $1609 was sent by northern California people and churches directly to the national treasuries, bringing the grand total up to $36,603, which was a gain over the corresponding figure of a year ago of $193, or .53%. A substantial portion of the amount sent directly to the national treasuries comes from our German churches.

Throughout the nation as a whole there was a gain of $14,394, or 1.11%, so our northern California people did not quite equal the national gain. It is hoped that the increased goals of giving for 1941 will be reflected in a larger income during the period until the end of the fiscal year, March 31, to enable the Conference to close its year without a deficit.

CHEERED

Those attending the Evanston meetings were cheered by the fact that the unification of our promotion work has moved steadily forward. The Missions Council has not had the leadership of an Executive Secretary of Promotion since the resignation of Rev. Leonard Outerbridge in March, but Mrs. W. H. Medlicott, Associate Secretary, has administered the office and coordinated the work of individuals and committees so that materials of a high order have been produced, and on time. It is the feeling of the State Superintendents and of many others that no time should be lost in securing a new Executive Secretary of Promotion to give leadership during the years of temporary prosperity which are just ahead of us.

While there was a gain in giving in 1940, as is noted in another column, it must be remembered that even since the depression low of 1934 there has been a drop in benevolences amounting to 4.73 per cent, while during the same years there has been an increase of local expenses amounting to more than 29 per cent. This means that pastors, churches, and denominational leaders must more effectively present the opportunities and responsibilities of our world-wide work to our people. To that end, the Committee on Systematic Giving through the Joint Staff made a comprehensive report which was unanimously adopted, and which will be presented to our own Committee on World Service for their study.

Increasingly do official denominational groups gather at Chicago and Evanston during the last few days of January.

The Superintendents assembled on the 22nd for two full days of intensive work about their tasks, under the leadership of Rev. Douglas Horton, Minister of the General Council. They continued in session for business for three additional days, and on call thereafter. The Women State Presidents met on the 26th for two days of work together, and there were also in session the Prudential Committee of the American Board, the Directors of the Board of Home Missions, the Executive Committee of the General Council, the Missions Council and its Ad Interim Committee, its Cabinet, and its Joint Staff. The Council for Social Action held its regular meeting, and there were almost innumerable sub-committee meetings. Every vacant hour was filled with personal conferences, so that from 7:30 in the morning until about 11 at night large numbers of people were busy for nine full days.

Those attending from Northern California were Rev. Stephen C. Peabody of San Jose, substituting for Professor John C. Bennett on the Council for Social Action; Professor and Mrs. C. A. Kofoid, Dr. Kofoid being a member of the Prudential Committee of the American Board; Mrs. Raymond A. Fuller, who was on the Executive Committee of the Women State Presidents; and Superintendent Gill, who has been elected for a three-year term as a member of the Joint Cabinet, which carries with it membership on the Ad Interim Committee and the Joint Staff of the Missions Council. He was also elected as provincial representative from the Conferences of the Pacific Slope to the Executive Committee of the General Council.

The Conference Committee on Forward Movement has suggested a "program of progress" for our churches for 1941. Sunday, March 2 (the first Sunday in Lent), has been designated "Go to Church Sunday." Pacific readers are urged to cooperate with their pastors in getting people out to church on that day, and thus starting them on a meaningful Lenten period. This is one point where we can all take hold.

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SOCIAL ACTION NEWS

The Conference Social Action Committee has assumed responsibility in certain specific fields:

1. In bringing to our churches very definitely the work of the Committee of 100 in aiding victims of the war. In this, Miss Mary Coxhead has rendered valuable assistance.

2. In bringing to the attention of our national bodies the need for constructive social and religious work at and near military training camps. Ministers may cooperate by sending to the Conference office names and locations of young men who have been called into service. These names will then be put into the hands of ministers, churches, or chaplains at or near their camps.

3. In giving advice and help to Congregational young men who have been registered as conscientious objectors. The committee will appreciate having names of young men who are in need of counsel. Send such names to Rev. Stephen Peabody, First Congregational Church, San Jose.

4. The committee is cooperating with the Pilgrim Fellowship, the Friends' Service Committee, and other groups, in planning a youth work camp at Mountain View, which has been approved by the National Education Division of our fellowship. Committee has been appointed consisting of Mrs. William Meyer, Mr. Peabody, and Mas Wakai of the Pilgrim Fellowship.

5. Attention of ministers and churches is being called to matters before the present legislature, including legislation touching child labor, the enforcement of minimum wage law for women, and the state administration of relief.

BAY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL

Annual meeting and dinner of the Bay Association of Congregational Churches was held in the City Temple, San Francisco, on February 4. Business meeting was convened at 4:30 by Moderator R. C. Day, and upon roll call, each church responded with a one-minute, written report of its work during the year. On the whole, they were most encouraging, and indicated real progress. Following officers were elected for 1941:

Moderator: Mr. George S. Martin of North Church, Berkeley.

Vice Moderator: Rev. W. W. Meyer of Fairfax.

Assistant Registrar: Mrs. Dorothy Bennett, Plymouth Church, Oakland.

Directors: Mr. F. H. Seely, Oakland First; Mr. Kenneth Kinney, Berkeley North; Rev. J. H. McCartney, San Leandro; Mrs. R. A. Fuller, San Francisco First; Rev. Pierson Parker, Berkeley North.

Credentials Committee: Rev. V. V. Loper, Berkeley First; Rev. A. C. McGiffert, Pacific School of Religion; (holdover members: Rev. Godfrey Matthews, Rev. Miles B. Fisher).

After the dinner there was a program conducted by President McGiffert of Pacific School of Religion, with musical selections furnished by seven students of the School, and with brief speeches by four students on different phases of "The Ministry of Tomorrow." More than 250 people were in attendance, including 45 students from Pacific School.

Read and Reflect

Is was impossible to give the church by church report of benevolence giving for 1940 in the January issue of "The Pacific," since the figures could not be totalled until after January 10. A last-minute gift put us over the top, although by so narrow a margin that it can scarcely be called a gain. Eighty-four churches made benevolence remittances through the Conference office in 1940. Forty-four gave more in 1940 than in 1939; 32 gave less, and 7 were exactly even. One new church, Cedarville, came forward with its offering. Goals of increase have been adopted by more than 30, so we may look forward to 1941 as our best year since the depression.

Church	1940	1939
Adin	$ 60.25	$ 83.10
Alameda	774.74	812.15
Alturas	10.58	45.17
Angels Camp	136.25	130.75
Antioch	46.16	15.00
Auburn	77.50	90.50
Benicia	15.00	10.00
Berkeley, Chinese	30.00	20.00
First	4,978.16	5,116.45
Kensington	.....	10.00
North	768.55	630.64
Park	81.50	72.69
Campbell	300.00	310.00
Cedarville	100.00	.....
Cloverdale	95.16	151.09
Cotati	63.14	33.50
Crockett	112.50	65.40
Eureka	415.55	375.00
Fairfax	33.00	25.00
Ferndale	318.75	289.20
Fresno, First	1,066.54	908.82
Japanese	15.00	15.00
Pilgrim	225.10	222.50
Zion	50.00	50.00
Glen Ellen	15.00	10.00
Grass Valley	15.00	15.00
Guerneville	9.50	9.00
Hayfork	13.50	3.00
Hayward	200.00	200.00
Kenwood	20.30	25.00
Lewiston	4.18	.....
Lodi, First	1,245.79	1,296.88
Loomis	68.62	45.00
Martinez	325.00	325.00
Murphys	77.50	60.00
Niles	36.86	20.45
Oakland, Bethany	40.00	40.00
First	5,070.00	5,284.12
Fruitvale	61.50	45.00
Japanese	15.00	5.00
Pilgrim	42.27	43.00
Plymouth	832.11	852.03
Oroville	76.29	79.44
Pacific Grove	257.57	309.09
Palo Alto	2,014.00	2,166.63
Paradise	250.00	245.90
Parlier	.....	5.00
Penngrove	30.14	20.39
Petaluma	724.95	731.30
Pittsburg	178.18	187.69
Port Chicago	2.61	6.00
Porterville	305.00	260.00
Redwood City	871.79	882.79
Reedley, Finnish	.....	10.00
Rio Vista	150.00	120.00
Ripon	207.68	216.02
Sacramento	831.28	921.55
Salida	15.40	31.40
San Carlos	94.96	90.26
San Francisco, Beth. Msn. Pk.	338.83	288.86
Calvary	25.00	20.00
Chinese	31.00	29.08
First	2,192.15	1,886.85
Ocean View	60.00	52.20
Richmond	112.00	100.00
San Jose	810.00	800.00
San Leandro	107.40	102.00
San Lorenzo	20.00	10.00
San Mateo	722.64	663.39
San Rafael	62.23	42.50
Santa Cruz	900.00	926.10
Santa Rosa	189.11	188.41
Saratoga	555.50	484.73
Sebastopol	190.84	223.40
Sonoma	101.19	102.50
Soquel	100.00	100.00
Stockton	657.61	701.56
Suisun	41.33	69.58
Sunnyvale	32.71	28.14
Sunol	.....	45.00
Tulare	465.00	455.00
Weaverville	121.23	122.29
Woodside	83.00	21.00
Reno, Nevada	469.34	456.17
Miscellaneous (including Thank Offering and Individual Gifts)	2,730.34	2,978.75
	$34,993.86	$34,941.41

Note: Our German-speaking churches, with one exception, are not listed above due to the fact that they make their remittances through the National German Conference to the treasuries of the Boards. Credit will be given them in the Year Book. The Zion Church also makes its principal remittances to the National Board, but in addition it gives a contribution to the Conference, and is therefore listed above.

MRS. WILBUR ARRIVES

All Northern California Congregationalists welcome home our beloved Mrs. Leonard F. Wilbur with her three dear children.

T. O. FUND

At the Evanston meeting just closed, plans were laid for extra gifts by women, over and above the amounts going through the usual church channels for benevolences. Northern California women have been doing this right straight through the depression, through the medium of the Thank Offering, which has made possible a higher level of apportionment support than could otherwise have been maintained. Herewith is presented the church by church report of the 1940 Thank Offering, compared with 1939 and 1938. There was a slight decline in 1940 compared with 1939, but the total of $1416.41 has made possible work which would otherwise have been carried with difficulty or omitted altogether. Distribution of the 1940 Thank Offering is as follows: for the work in Trinity Country, $720; for the Children's Project at Grace United Church, $250; for the Wilburs' work in China, $311.61; and for Tillotson College Fund, $134.80. The last-mentioned item is not credited on the apportionment, although the project is one of great value. Thus it is that all of the $1416.41 except $134.80 is included in the "miscellaneous" item at the bottom of the list of apportionment figures appearing in another column.

Church	1940	1939	1938
Alameda	$ 56.73	$ 40.62	$ 61.46
Angels Camp	6.75	7.06	.....
Antioch	24.17	16.48	21.43
Auburn	8.05	6.14	13.29
Benicia	11.70	13.60	20.00
Berkeley, First	80.13	67.00	92.63
North	42.00	34.20	33.92
Campbell	12.00	.....	.....
Cloverdale	.....	8.80	8.26
Cotati	10.00	10.00	8.00
Eureka	60.79	55.78	49.50
Ferndale	11.35	13.31	13.90
Fresno, First	48.90	53.68	71.11
Hayward	25.00	25.00	25.00
Lodi, First	51.10	62.31	62.65
Loomis	.....	5.00	5.00
Martinez	25.00	25.51	20.83
Murphy	5.00	5.00	5.00
Oakland, Bethany	.....	5.00	5.00
First	146.37	220.91	207.73
Fruitvale	10.80	11.00	14.06
Pilgrim	4.95	14.00	10.00
Plymouth	53.24	41.00	20.00
Oroville	.....	.....	5.00
Pacific Grove	26.76	21.56	22.00
Palo Alto	74.46	101.05	112.40
Paradise	.....	11.25	9.80
Penngrove	10.50	.....	.....
Petaluma	42.00	47.53	36.49
Pittsburg	20.03	24.33	22.60
Porterville	20.29	.....	.....
Redwood City	26.81	19.20	23.00
Ripon	20.33	22.00	21.63
Sacramento	31.40	33.05	16.02
San Carlos	8.00	5.30	.....
San Francisco—			
Bethany Mission Park	7.57	13.00	21.25
Calvary	3.70	4.00	2.34
First	122.20	100.77	74.70
Ocean View	2.70	.....	.....
Richmond	.....	5.40	.....
San Jose	60.00	60.40	60.00
San Leandro	13.92	16.12	11.10
San Mateo	61.50	50.00	50.00
Santa Cruz	56.67	47.70	50.00
Saratoga	37.00	26.00	41.26
Sebastopol	6.25	26.97	20.01
Sonoma	10.00	10.00	7.50
Stockton	27.60	30.00	35.00
Sunnyvale	8.00	6.00	9.50
Tulare	14.69	17.75	12.21
Weaverville	.....	2.00	.....
Woodside	10.00	.....	.....
Individual	.....	1.00	1.00
	$1,416.41	$1,443.88	$1,433.58

BENICIA. At a well-attended annual meeting a new modified constitution was adopted by the church, which will give a modern workable plan. New officers were elected. Church attendance is increasing and there is a new spirit of enthusiasm and helpfulness. Rev. Isaac Fleming is pastor.

BERKELEY, CHINESE. Young people conducted the New Year service in January, with two of the members giving addresses and others providing the music. Dr. B. C. Wong is the pastor.

ADIN. The young people's society has been reorganized, with an enthusiastic group, and the Sunday School is taking on new life due to the interest of some of its teachers. Rev. A. W. Monosmith is pastor.

SAN LEANDRO, BROADMOOR. The occasion of the annual meeting also marked the 10th anniversary of the service of Rev. and Mrs. J. H. McCartney at this church. Rev. Jason Noble Pierce was guest speaker of the evening, and there were many short speeches commending the work of the McCartneys. They were presented with a huge anniversary cake, and to Mrs. McCartney was given a fine electric waffle set, while the gift to the pastor was an electric presser. Dr. Pierce reported it a delightful occasion for all who shared in it.

SAN MATEO. Adult Bible Classes for men and women have been organized, and the Church of Youth has resumed its services after a recess. One of the most successful Every Member Canvasses in the history of the church has just been concluded, covering an increased budget. A Committee on Church Grounds has been formed to carry out a five-year program of development. Rev. Sidney H. Buckham is pastor.

ALAMEDA. During the absence of Rev. Gail Cleland, the pastor, who is now stationed at Fort MacArthur, the church has secured the services of Rev. James Muilenburg of Pacific School of Religion as ad interim preacher, while the Rev. Robert Cleland has returned from Colorado to assume the major portion of the pastoral duties.

TULARE. The Pilgrim Fellowship assumed entire charge of the worship service on January 26, with three speakers, who dealt with the portion of the Pilgrim Fellowship Statement of Purpose having to do with Christian Personality. The congregation was well pleased with the able and reverent conduct of the service. Rev. A. L. Rice is pastor.

OAKLAND, PILGRIM. On Pilgrim Fellowship Sunday the young people took entire charge of the morning service, with State President Ted Nichols as guest speaker. All departments are working toward the securing of a fund for rebuilding plans now under consideration. The pastor, Rev. Harvey V. Miller, attended the Spiritual Leadership Conference at Stanford University.

SAN CARLOS. Late in January the pastor, Rev. H. J. Loken, sent out 400 copies of a dignified printed letter, calling attention to the need of spiritual rearmament in these days of military preparations. In the letter he listed sermon topics for six weeks, each one based on a phrase from the Lord's Prayer.

ANTIOCH. Annual meeting brought out a fine attendance, and was reported to be a great success. Current expense budget has been subscribed, and an increased benevolence goal adopted. The church voted a quarterly business meeting as a new venture in planning. Rev. W. R. Steininger is the pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALVARY. Guest speakers continued to supply the pulpit during the month of January, but Rev. H. K. Khachadourian, the Pastor, was sufficiently recovered to resume his duties on February 2. The Senior and Junior Choirs are both rendering fine service, under the direction of the pastor's wife.

AUBURN. Four churches in this city cooperated in holding Week of Prayer services in the Auburn Congregational Church. Rev. Stewart E. Locke, the pastor, reports a really fine worshipful atmosphere throughout all of the services, and an encouraging outlook for such cooperative efforts.

HAYWARD. This church scored again with its fine subscription list for The Pacific, sending in 28 renewals and new subscriptions during January. Rev. Godfrey Matthews is the pastor.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

REDWOOD CITY. The Annual Dinner and Election was well attended, despite its conflicting date with the annual Chamber of Commerce dinner, necessitating the presence of many members as past or incumbent officers of the service clubs represented there. Reports for 1940 disclosed the church to be in excellent financial and spiritual condition, all organizations recording good attendance and progress on their special projects. Sunday School Superintendent Carrington converted a potential 20 per cent loss into a 10 per cent gain. Mrs. C. H. Stevens was created Deaconess Emeritus by acclamation, in recognition of her unselfish and constructive work. She has averaged 200 to 300 calls for many years. Twenty-one baptisms and 37 new members were registered in 1940, and several of this number are now officers for 1941. The many friends of Mrs. Charles E. Ward, wife of the Pastor, were shocked to learn that she suffered a badly broken leg during January. Her work and inspiration will be missed for several weeks more by many church and Conference groups.

FAIRFAX. This church reports a successful annual dinner and meeting with a substantially increased budget approved, and a community canvass already undertaken. Pilgrim Fellowship delegates attended the Lokoya planning conference, at which their pastor, Rev. Wm. W. Meyer was named assistant and recreational director for Lokoya in 1941. A "Half and Half Club" has been formed (half husbands and half wives) and their purpose is reported as "half social and half serious," but they have already wholeheartedly put on a musical program. The pastor has announced a series of sermons on the life of Christ, from Advent to Easter.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. The Murphys Church is planning an extensive program of redecoration and improvement, including the installation of an attractive worship center. At Angels Camp, new Pilgrim Hymnals have been purchased with the cooperative efforts of various organizations while funds are being accumulated for reshingling the church. A friend from Berkeley has presented the church with a picture, "Christ Among the Doctors," which is "prized by all." The pastor, Rev. John G. Dickey, is aiding in Boy Scout organization throughout the county.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. Church officers elected for 1941 were formally installed at the morning service on January 26. Four young people of junior high age joined the church in January. A coordinating council has been formed to lay plans for special activities during the year. At an evening service sponsored by the Young Adults, Miss Ellen Smith, a missionory from China now studying at Pacific School of Religion, showed motion pictures of her work in China, and of Pacific School activities. Mr. Byron E. Eshelman is the pastor.

MARTINEZ. The annual meeting authorized the formation of a Committee on Christian Education, and an Organ Committee, the latter to explore the field and make recommendations toward securing an organ. The Ushers' Committee is promoting plans for inducting high school boys into the service as junior ushers. The Pilgrim Fellowship is to celebrate its first birthday on March 2, says the pastor, Rev. Verdette Walters.

SAN FRANCISCO, CITY TEMPLE. A fellowship dinner in January honored members who united with the church during 1940. A special chorologue, "The Golden State," was presented in January, followed by an address on famous men of California. On his 80th birthday, the Rev. G. Austin Charnock occupied the pulpit. Rev. Jason Noble Pierce and Rev. Edgar A. Lowther are the pastors.

PITTSBURG. The church closed the year 1940 with all bills paid and a substantial balance in the treasury of each department. All organizations showed fine growth in numbers and spirit. "One of the best years the church has ever had," says Rev. E. W. Benedict, the pastor. Early in January, the Women's Auxiliary had an installation luncheon, with Mrs. R. A. Fuller installing new officers. The luncheon motif was "Central America," with a talk by one of the members on a trip she had taken to Panama and Cuba. The Pilgrim Fellowship group observed "Pilgrim Fellowship Sunday" on Jan. 26, by taking part in the service, two young people assisting in the worship service and two giving talks on "What Pilgrim Fellowship Is Doing," and on "Youth." Thirty-six young people were in attendance. The local Pilgrim Fellowship has a membership of 35, and an average attendance of 27. On the first Sunday in February they entertained the young people of Benicia and Martinez.

EUREKA. Rev. C. H. Hudson, the pastor, writes that the Pilgrim Fellowship group is holding regular and enthusiastic meetings, and has already made a good start, financially, toward participation in the Lokoya summer conference. The Sunday School has sent a liberal contribution for China Relief and for the children of Congregational churches in England. Mr. Hudson is frequently called upon to speak at community organizations, and recently made addresses at High School commencement, at a Jewish service, and participated in a business men's program. An increased interest in the radio services has been manifested.

BERKELEY, FIRST. Annual meeting revealed that 119 members were added to the church in 1940, and that average attendance was 603. The Interchurch Hour continues to offer outstanding programs, having presented four international figures in January; and on February 2 there was a panel discussion with three youth speakers on the subject, "How Can Student Indifference to Religion Be Overcome." Dr. James Muilenburg is giving a series of addresses on Old Testament Literature to the College of Life. Rev. Vere V. Loper is the pastor.

OAKLAND, FIRST. The annual meeting, held on January 15, was a very happy occasion. It was the eighth annual meeting since the coming of the pastor, Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, and a large number of the 526 members who have come into fellowship since his pastorate began, were present. Encouraging reports were given by all departments, showing the soundness and stability of the church on which to make still greater growth. Plans and recommendations for the coming year were constructive and inspiring.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. The Weekday Church School reports an average attendance of 55 at the close of its first term this year. One new teacher has been secured for the new term. Boy Scout Sunday was observed, with Troop 55 attending as guests. Rev. Donald Gaylord, the pastor, preached on "Improving on Our Dads."

BERKELEY, PARK. Preparations are under way for the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. T. E. Watt, the first Sunday and Wednesday of March. This church has invited the Spring Meeting of the Bay Association to be held in its auditorium.

RIO VISTA. Annual meetings of Sunday School, Church, and Ladies' Aid were held, and officers of the last-mentioned group were installed by Mrs. Elmer Benedict of Pittsburg. A food sale was held for the benefit of the church school. Rev. Victor H. Morgan is pastor.

COTATI and PENNGROVE. Young men of the Penngrove Church have completed wiring the building for new lights, necessary funds for the work having been raised by the Ladies' Aid and the Young People's Group. Two persons united with the Cotati Church during January, and three with the Penngrove Church. The combined young people's groups took charge of a religious service at the county hospital. The three delegates to the Federation annual meeting in Berkeley reported back to a well-attended meeting in their own community. Plans are under way for a reunion of the old members of the Church and Church School at Cotati, sponsored by the Sunday School. Rev. James D. Salmon is the pastor.

PORTERVILLE. Reports at the annual meeting indicate that the church is in good financial condition, having closed 1940 with a substantial cash balance; 1941 budget has already been underwritten, including an increased benevolence goal. Church attendance in 1940 averaged 156, the highest in the history of the church. During the past five years, the pastor's salary has been doubled, and the benevolence giving increased seven-fold. Pilgrim Fellowship Sunday was observed with the young people attending in a body and participating in the installation service. A series of sermons on "Foundations of Democracy" is attracting considerable attention. Rev. John H. Gregg is the pastor.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. The musical version of "The Other Wise Man," written by members of the Plymouth Choir, was given a repeat performance at the request of St. John's Presbyterian Church in Berkeley. During 1940 Plymouth Church added 44 new members and increased its attendance by 33 1-3 per cent. In Lent, the pastor, Rev. Robert W. Inglis, will preach a series of sermons under the general title, "Religious Resources by Which Men May Live." Mr. Inglis reports securing the services of Mrs. Zina Philipsborn as consulting psychologist to aid in community service work.

LODI, FIRST. The annual meeting and dinner brought out a large number of family groups, and special honors were paid to two of the members for their long and loyal service to the church. Nearly $1600 was paid in benevolences during 1940. The church was host to the County Christian Endeavor Rally in January. The Congregational and Methodist churches of Lodi are looking forward to a series of united youth meetings, beginning in February. Rev. A. R. Boone is pastor.

PORT CHICAGO. Although the rains have temporarily held up ground breaking for the annex, attendance has shown an encouraging increase. Mr. Sherwood Wirt, the pastor, reports a fine attendance at the Sunday evening meetings, when educational films rented from the Y.M.C.A. have been shown. The choir continues to be the most active organization in the church.

SANTA CRUZ. At its 85th annual meeting, there were fine reports from all departments of the church; 33 members were added during the year. The pastor, Rev. H. S. Mahood, reported having made 3000 calls, and conducted 86 funerals and 42 weddings. The meeting was preceded by a reception and dinner. Young People's Group recently purchased 100 hymnals for use in their own group and in the senior department of the church school.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. The annual meeting was held in January, the trustees and Ladies' Aid providing the dinner for the members and supporters of the church. Ten people were received into membership the first Sunday of February. Rev. J. B. Orr is pastor.

SEBASTOPOL. This church began its fifty-third year with a fine business meeting at which every department reported a balance on hand. Newly-elected officers were installed at an impressive service on February 2, and the same evening there was a celebration of the 60th anniversary of Christian Endeavor, when two beautiful new flags were presented to the church by the young people. Inter-Racial Sunday was observed on the 9th, and that evening the church acted as host to a community Boy Scout service, with Rev. V. V. Loper of Berkeley as speaker. The Scout executive of the Silverado area presented Rev. G. E. Atkinson, the pastor, with a 30-year Scout pin. Mr. Atkinson started his "Scouting" in Campbell in 1908 under advice from General Baden-Powell from London, England.

TRINITY COUNTY. Bad roads continue to limit work at outlying points, but many activities are occupying the Weaverville Church people. During January the annual meeting was held. Pilgrim Fellowship Sunday was appropriately observed, and a coordinating council was organized to plan for Membership classes, Holy Week services, Vacation Bible School, etc. On Sunday evenings during February a series of Forums have been planned, with lay speakers from the community, on the general theme "Christian Problems of Today." Arrangements have been made whereby the pastor, Rev. P. N. Bennett, will conduct two services a month at the Minersville CCC Camp. A Sunday School is being organized at Big Bar.

BERKELEY, NORTH. This church reports its joy in serving as host to the annual meeting of the Women's Federation. Rev. Pierson Parker, the pastor, conducted the communion service, and Mrs. Parker presided at the luncheon. At the annual meeting and dinner of the church it was reported that the 1940 goal of 40 new members had been reached. A goal of 50 members for the current year was adopted. The Women's Auxiliary, believing that now more than ever is a time for service to others, has decided to devote its efforts to Red Cross work in 1941.

SACRAMENTO, PIONEER. The annual meeting was given a novel form, reports being presented as in a radio broadcast; 101 members were added in 1940; thirty-one different organizations gave reports of progress. A questionnaire to learn the needs and interests of every family in the parish is being circulated. Rev. Torrance Phelps is pastor.

RENO, NEVADA. January 26 saw the dedication of new hymnals presented by individuals and organizations within the church. Youth Sunday was observed early in February, with Carson City young people as guests. Rev. Wm. M. Case is the pastor.

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ANNUAL MEETING REPORTS

IMPORTANT:

In accordance with the new constitution, adopted at the last Annual Meeting, the February meeting will be merely a business meeting of the newly organized Executive Board. The next regular meeting of the Federation, with reports, addresses, and so on, will be held the third Thursday in March. As this is a new departure, all women of the Federation are asked to take note. Officials whose attendance is required at the February meeting will be notified by the secretary.

The reason for this change in the constitution is as follows: In these crowded days, the Constitutional Committee sensed a growing feeling among our women that the demands on them for attendance at meetings were rather heavy. The Committee, therefore, decided to give a trial this year to a different setup. The usual meetings, such as we have been having monthly, will be held only in March, May, August, and November, which, with the annual and spring meetings, held probably in January and April, will make six in all. In October it will be expected that we shall all join in the annual meeting of our Northern California Conference. This arrangement will give opportunity for two meetings in the individual Associations without the conflict often felt in the past between the Association meetings, universally regarded as helpful in each Association, and the meetings of the Federation. Remember that this constitution has been adopted for a year's trial. Watch its development and be ready with approbation or criticism as the year goes on.

The adoption of this trial constitution was followed by the election and installation of officers. We are happy, indeed, to have Mrs. Raymond Fuller at the helm again this year.

The Annual Meeting was full of interest. Major May Wilmer of the Salvation Army Women's Home in Oakland spoke of 8,000 girls, mostly under 20 years of age, cared for yearly in the Army homes and of the need in every community for those who are willing to welcome back those who didn't "understand life." Dr. Julian McPheeters, who addressed the dinner audience Thursday evening, brought a message concerning the boys and men who are in the training camps of the country, especially those of Camp Ord. The men, said Dr. McPheeters, are not church-minded but they are definitely Bible-minded. The chaplains of Camp Ord were quoted as saying that they could use 14,000 Bibles in Camp Ord now. The Commission on Evangelism is prepared to furnish, through the California Church Council, a good edition of the Bible at twenty-five cents a copy. The Council has already received over $200 for this purpose, and proposes that any church furnishing money for such copies should have the name of the church put in the front of the book. These Bibles will not be given out indiscriminately but through the chaplains as they see a desire for them. Is not this an opportunity for some of our churches?

We are becoming increasingly youth conscious, and in her discussion group on "Young People in Our Churches," Mrs. Bayard Buckham effectively pointed this fact by having her discussion by, instead of about, young people. A high school boy and a freshman college girl, considered as typical rather than individual, led the discussion. The outstanding conclusion by these young people was that while we strain every nerve to give them in the church the same attractions they get in their outside organizations, they themselves felt that the church should give them that which they cannot get anywhere else.

Madame Winifred Lucia Fisher from Sacramento, President of the State Musical Association, spoke delightfully on "Church Music." Manifestly, to her music is not an adjunct to, but an integral part of, worship. She emphasized that worship does not begin when the organ prelude ends, but rather that the "first note of the organ is the service" as truly as is prayer. May we all take notice!

Mrs. Gail Cleland grouped the Association reports most interestingly by having each Association president build her report around one central thought that should express a characteristic of all, such as community work, service, fellowship, and so on.

Dr. William Paul Reagor's address at the Friday luncheon was on the forthcoming National Preaching Mission, which has already been commented on in The Pacific for January.

We had an unexpected treat in the presence with us of Miss Olive Hoyt, for thirty-eight years a missionary in Japan. Not the least interesting of her comments concerned her attitude toward Shintoism. The practices of Shintoism, she pointed out, are not acts of worship but of respect to the memory of great ones of the past. The requirement that the girls in her school should go to the Shinto shrines to honor the memory of their ancestors she regarded in the light of our salute to the flag. When the order went out, she said she would go herself and take her girls. Only she stipulated that the girls should be taught carefully the life of the person so honored.

Part of a letter from Mrs. Everett (Lynda Goodsell) Blake, written in Izmir (Smyrna) last November, was read. Mr. and Mrs. Blake were married in North Church some years ago, so the word was especially timely. Mrs. Blake wrote that in spite of black-outs, martial law, and partial rationing, they had "very hopefully started to practice carols for Christmas."

These are but scraps from the feast of our Annual Meeting. North Church received us graciously and treated us royally. We felt their hospitality from the first minute to the last. A fitting close was the beautiful and inspirational communion service led by the pastor of the church, Dr. Pierson Parker.

A note from Mrs. Fuller on her way to the Evanston meeting gives the following dates for Association meetings with Mrs. E. E. McClintock:

February 26: (San Joaquin) at Fresno;
February 27: (Central) at Ripon;
March 3: (Redwood Empire) at Sebastopol;
March 4: (Santa Clara) at Saratoga;
March 5: (Bay) at Alameda, 10:30 a.m., luncheon 35c per plate.
March 6: (Sacramento) at Auburn;
March 7: (Upper Bay) Pittsburg

The Pacific gets around. A woman in Montana saw in it the call for Dr. Alma Cooke's surgical gloves and provided two pairs! Mrs. Ernest Evans, who is handling the matter, reports that thanks to the generous response she now has enough to carry through the year and will not need more for the present.

Rev. W. E. McCulloch, D.D., of Los Angeles, Synodical Superintendent of Missions for the United Presbyterian Church in California, will be the speaker for the annual World Day of Prayer service to be held in the City Temple, Post and Mason Streets, from 1:30 to 3 p.m., on February 28, the first Friday of Lent. Women of all faiths are invited to this service.

HELPS FOR RELIGION IN THE HOME

Rich family life has always been a source of strength to anyone who experiences it. The home must more surely recognize and face its responsibility as the greatest influence in an individual's life. It is time that the homes of our land should give thought to "developing their own personalities." As families, we do not have to be blown off our courses by every wind of fashion and advertising. For instance, if we are convinced that alcoholic beverages are destructive of health and happiness, we do **not** have to be hypnotized into making the producers rich by "everyone is doing it!"

As one means of deliberately strengthening family life, the Conference Religious Education Committee suggests that this spring many parents would welcome a Parents' Class, conducted by the pastor or a similarly trained person, for a few weeks, possibly preceding the Lenten Preparatory Classes for Youth. Such a class would give interpretations of the theology of the church and thus help parents to aid their children in attaining a mature theology.

As preparation for this, many families might find value and pleasure in family discussions as to what Christianity has given to their homes. At the dinner table on various nights different individuals might report findings or ideas as to the part the church, either through individuals inspired by Christian ideals or as an institution, has played in the development of hospitals, social welfare agencies and clinics, music, drama, art, etc. Next, the family might discuss work still to be done and the obligation of the individual to carry on. Even young children may be able to present ideas as to ways of preparing themselves to carry on the advance of Christianity. And we should all remember, whether it is a parent and child discussion, or a family dinnertable affair, that destructive discussion is easy, but constructive discussion is helpful!—Grace Buckham.

Y. P. PROJECTS DUE

Miss Marjorie Pape, Vice-President of the Pilgrim Fellowship of Northern California, calls attention to the fact that contributions for the Young People's Missionary Projects are coming in very slowly. "To date the small amount of $81.00 has come in to help support the projects, and certainly this is not sufficient. We shall appreciate a contribution from each church, no matter how small." Final payments on pledges made at the last summer conferences, and other contributions should be made by March 31, the end of the Conference fiscal year.

The list of officers for the Federation of Congregational Women for the new year will be printed in the March issue.

LENTEN AIDS

"The Fellowship of Prayer" for 1941 has been prepared by the Rev. Gaius Glenn Atkins of North Marshfield, Mass. This little Lenten devotional series, now in its twenty-third year, is widely used, not only by Congregationalists, but by many other denominational groups. It is published by our own Commission on Evangelism, and may be secured at 2c per copy. For the past three or four years, religious leaders have also been preparing special devotional books for young people and for children. Under the sponsorship of the Commission on Evangelism, "Lenten Devotions for Young People," by Rev. Richard P. Carter of Connecticut, have been published, to sell at the same price as the adult devotional. This reduction in price will make it possible for many young people's groups to secure this splendid book of personal devotions for their members. The Connecticut Council of Churches and Religious Education has published a 1941 edition of "Thoughts of God for Boys and Girls," pricing it at 10c per single copy, 8c in quantities. Where the cost would prohibit quantity purchases for the children, it is recommended that parents and church school teachers secure copies for use in home and class.

All of these Lenten devotions may be secured through Pacific Book Service, 1164 Phelan Bldg., San Francisco, if orders are placed early. To the prices quoted should be added the usual sales tax.

LOOKING FOR EASTER MATERIALS?

Your Conference Religious Education Committee Suggests:

Worship Services for Church Schools

"Transformation" — in "Worship Programs and Stories for Young People," by Alice A. Bays, p. 182.

"Behold, Thy King Cometh"—A Palm Sunday Worship Service by Mary W. Deming in the February, 1939, issue of the International Journal of Religious Education.

"The Redeemer"—for Choir and Reader in the March, 1940, International Journal of Religious Education, by Edith Sams.

Religious Drama for Amateurs

"A Great Bell Ringing"—by William George Cummings, in the March, 1934, International Journal of Religious Education (203 N. Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.)

"Sunrise" — by Louis Wilson; Walter H. Baker Co., 178 Tremont St., Boston, Mass.

"Easter Pilgrimage"—by Claudia Harris; Walter H. Baker Co., 178 Tremont St., Boston, Mass.

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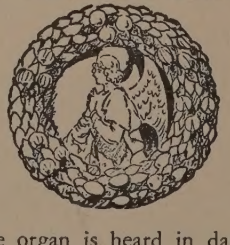

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